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# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

## **Meetings and Conferences**

Oct 20-21	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Tina Davis, 415-972-3784 or <a href="mailto:Davis.tina@epa.gov">Davis.tina@epa.gov</a>
Oct 22-24	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco, CA	Contact Lela Christensen, 775-574-1000, ext. 125; email <a href="mailto:lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us">lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us</a> or go to <a href="http://events.ichotelsgroup.com/DPRD-7D4NJ3/SFOGG/website/_or">http://events.ichotelsgroup.com/DPRD-7D4NJ3/SFOGG/website/_or</a> <a href="http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/docs/2008CallforTopics.pdf">http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/docs/2008CallforTopics.pdf</a> or Tim Grant, 415-972-3783 or <a href="mailto:grant.tim@epa.gov">grant.tim@epa.gov</a>

### **Sponsor: The National Indian Justice Center**

Dec 3-5	"Meth" Crisis	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="http://www.nijc.org">www.nijc.org</a> or call 707-597-9019
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### **Sponsor: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

Nov 17-19	Tribal Energy Program Review	Denver, CO	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/">http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/</a>
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## **Trainings and Workshops**



### **Sponsor: U. S. EPA**

Oct 8-10	2008 Western Brownfields Workshop	San Diego, CA	<a href="mailto:wbwregistration@sra.com">wbwregistration@sra.com</a> .
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### **New Web Site for Tribes in Search of Clean Water Act (CWA) Training**

EPA has launched a new web site (<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>) that contains all of the EPA-sponsored CWA training courses available to Indian tribes. The web site contains listings of face-to-face training courses and self-paced training for CWA programs, as well as links to other important resources and tools. EPA is working with Indian tribes to identify future training needs for CWA programs. Contact Vijay Limaye, 415-972-3442, [limaye.vijay@epa.gov](mailto:limaye.vijay@epa.gov) for more information.

### **Sponsor: EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

NETI is a part of the Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at [aldridge.zena@epa.gov](mailto:aldridge.zena@epa.gov) or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to [www.netionline.com](http://www.netionline.com)

### **Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators**

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov).

**Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.**

Oct. 27-31	Princeton Groundwater's Remediation Course	Orlando, FL	Call 813-964-0800 or email <a href="mailto:info@Princeton-groundwater.com">info@Princeton-groundwater.com</a>
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**Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professions (ITEP)**

Sep 30-Oct 2	Creating and Managing a Tribal Transfer Station	Pala, CA	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training.html">http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training.html</a>
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ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program has released the 2008-2009 training catalog. The catalog includes detailed descriptions of ITEP air quality training courses, activities and services. To view the schedule, go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu), or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

**Sponsor: Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)**

Oct 6-7	Wastewater Treatment – Level Three	Phoenix, Z	602-258-4822 or <a href="http://www.itcaonline.com/tws">www.itcaonline.com/tws</a>
Oct 20-23	2008 Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (co-sponsored with EPA, Region 9)	Fort McDowell, AZ	<a href="mailto:darlene.jenkins@itcaonline.com">darlene.jenkins@itcaonline.com</a> ; 602-307-1538 or <a href="mailto:elaine.wilson@itcaonline.com">elaine.wilson@itcaonline.com</a> ; 602-258-4822

ITCA will provide travel reimbursement for tribal operators and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. For more information, go to Web site: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>

**Sponsor: Nielsen Field School**

Oct 17-30	The Complete Ground-Water Monitoring Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	See contact information below
Oct 1- 3 Oct 29-31	The Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA Las Cruces, NM	See contact information below
Oct 27-28	Ground-Water Monitoring Well, Construction and Development	Las Cruces, NM	See contact information below
Nov 3-4	The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	See contact information below

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at [info@envirofieldschool.com](mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com), call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at [www.envirofieldschool.com](http://www.envirofieldschool.com).

**Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center**

Oct 1-3	Introduction of ArcGIS 9 for Fisheries and Wildlife Biology Applications	Oakland, CA	<a href="http://nwetc.org/gis-400_10-08_oakland.htm">http://nwetc.org/gis-400_10-08_oakland.htm</a>
Oct 1-3	Contaminant Forensics of Petroleum, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons, and Metals	Oxnard, CA	<a href="http://www.nwetc.org/bio-402_10-08_oxnard.htm">http://www.nwetc.org/bio-402_10-08_oxnard.htm</a>
Oct 2-3	Contaminant Forensics of Petroleum, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons, and Metals	San Francisco, CA	<a href="http://nwetc.org/chem-405_10-08_san_francisco.htm">http://nwetc.org/chem-405_10-08_san_francisco.htm</a>
Oct 21-24	Modeling Pesticides in Surface Water	Sacramento, CA	<a href="mailto:info@nwetc.org">info@nwetc.org</a>

Oct 22-23	Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.nwetc.org/capol-301_10-08_oakland.htm">http://www.nwetc.org/capol-301_10-08_oakland.htm</a>
Oct 28-29	Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Pasadena, CA	<a href="http://www.nwetc.org/chem-406_10-08_pasadena.htm">http://www.nwetc.org/chem-406_10-08_pasadena.htm</a>
Dec 2-4	Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.nwetc.org/gis-403_12-08_oakland.htm">http://www.nwetc.org/gis-403_12-08_oakland.htm</a>

\*Please note, payment is not required at the time of registration. Payment is due 60 days following course completion. Also, some of these Web sites may have to be copied and pasted on your browser.

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Grants.gov**

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for awards. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



#### **Global Change Research Program**

EPA's Global Change Research Program is seeking applications proposing research to further understand the interactions of climate change, air pollution regulatory programs, greenhouse gas mitigation policies, and efforts to adapt to a changing climate, and how these interactions affect air quality. The solicitation can be found at: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008\\_star\\_adaptation.html#Synopsis](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_star_adaptation.html#Synopsis). It is estimated that approximately 7 regular grants and 3 early career grants will be awarded. Approximately \$5,000,000 is available for all awards. The solicitation is being managed by the Science to Achieve Results (STAR) grants program. Applications will be accepted until October 21, 2008.



#### **Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants**

EPA is providing more than \$1.5 million for ten Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants. Funding will provide information, training, tools, and technical assistance to brownfields stakeholders to support brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revitalization. Each assistance project will receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in annual funding for up to five years. For more information, visit the EPA Brownfields Website at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>



#### **FY 2009 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice**

This notice is now available at <http://epa.gov/exchangenetwork/OEI%20EN%202009%20Solicitation%209-17%20FINAL.pdf>. The application deadline for FY2009 Exchange Network grants is November 21, 2008. The Solicitation Notice contains important information about eligibility, application procedures and funding priorities, which include the transition to Node 2.0 and innovative multi-partner collaboration grants. As a reminder, the

Exchange Network Message Board is a good place for Network partners to share ideas on innovative projects and perhaps find new groups with which to partner. You can find a forum dedicated to sharing Exchange Network project ideas at <http://www.websitetoolbox.com/tool/mb/exnet?forum=97250>. Additional information about the grant program is available on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants>. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Pat Eklund, 415-972-3738.



### **Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST)**

OUST has just posted a new grant announcement titled "Underground Storage Tank Compliance Assistance and Training Support in Indian Country" on grants.gov. The funding opportunity number is EPA-OSWER-OUST-08-11 and closes on November 3, 2008. The entities that are eligible to apply for this grant are limited to tribes and tribal consortia (see section 3 of the written announcement). The announcement can be found on grants.gov at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LSXJG9Lgm3JvdfT0vCCGb53tJxsTYNh348vIN5y1kzKy8sBQ40n3!-99142043?opId=42877&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>. It can also be found on the OSWER grants and funding homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm> (scroll down on the page to see the link and the synopsis). A direct link to the full text of the announcement is at: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oust-08-11.pdf>

### **Conferences, Workshops and Meetings**

EPA has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for conferences, workshops and/or meetings. Through this BAA, EPA seeks proposals for planning, arranging, administering and/or conducting conferences, workshops, and/or meetings that focus on research to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Subject areas include, but are not limited to: Economics and sustainability; and air and global climate change. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 9. For more information, contact Bernice Smith at [smith.bernicel@epa.gov](mailto:smith.bernicel@epa.gov) or go to: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008\\_baa.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_baa.html).

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

### **Funding Sources for Communities**

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>. For more information, contact Jessica Counts-Arnold/R9/USEPA/US@EPA or 415-972-3288.

## **Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:**



### **Projects on Tribal Lands**

The Tribal Energy Program supports a variety of energy-related projects on tribal lands. Through these projects, tribes have built the institutional capacity to manage their energy needs, assessed the feasibility of energy

efficiency and renewable energy installations, and have demonstrated the viability of installing renewable energy systems on tribal lands. To learn more about the Tribal Energy Program, or for additional information about a particular project, contact the [DOE project officer](#) or go to: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>.

### **State Water Resources Control Board CALFED Watershed Program Grant Solicitation**

The State Water Resources Control Board will issue a focused grant solicitation to implement a suite of priority actions identified in an established watershed management plan. It will also measure and analyze the effectiveness within the watershed to determine and illustrate the value of collaborative community-based watershed management. Emphasis will be placed on determining the effectiveness of community-based efforts by measuring improvements in natural resource conditions of the selected watershed(s). Additional information about the Watershed Program can be found at <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wp/Pages/Index.aspx>.

### **Environmental Excellence Awards - K to 12**

The Sea World & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund requests proposals for their Environmental Excellence Awards. This program recognizes the outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who work at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. \$80K is expected to be available and eight awards are anticipated. Responses are due November 28. For more information, go to: [http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects\\_Awards.html](http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects_Awards.html)

### **International Sustainability Prize**

The Sophie Foundation seeks nominations for the Sophie Prize. This international prize is awarded to individuals or entities that successfully create awareness of alternatives to modern day development and/or initiated such alternatives in a pioneering or particularly inventive manner. \$100K is first prize. Responses are due November 11. For more information, go to: [http://www.sofieprisen.no/Nomination\\_Guidelines/index.html](http://www.sofieprisen.no/Nomination_Guidelines/index.html)

### **Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)**

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines, are available on the WCB's web page. [http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral\\_project.asp](http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp)

### **California Department of Water Resources 2008 Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation**

This grant program will primarily fund projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide multi-benefits such as water savings or in-stream flows and timing, water quality, and energy savings. Benefits can be local, to the Bay-Delta or to the State. Cost-sharing is required but, disadvantaged communities can request full cost of projects with no local cost-sharing. The total amount available for the 2008 Grant Funding Cycle is \$35.3 million. One unique component of the 2008 Grant Program is the availability of technical assistance provided by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Self Help Enterprise to identify projects and develop proposals for tribal and disadvantaged communities. For more information, go to: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm> or contact Wayne Verrill, 916 653-4863 or [wverrill@water.ca.gov](mailto:wverrill@water.ca.gov).

### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

### **California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

### **California Endowment Program**

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

## **Miscellaneous Items of Interest**



### **Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Technical Advisory on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Climate Change**

The emerging role of CEQA in addressing climate change and greenhouse gas emissions has been the subject of much discussion and debate in recent months. As part of its continuing service to professional planners, land use officials, and CEQA practitioners, OPR, in collaboration with the California Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board, is pleased to provide this new technical advisory containing informal guidance for public agencies as they address the issue of climate change in their CEQA documents. This technical advisory provides OPR's perspective on the issue and precedes the development of draft implementing regulations for CEQA, in accordance with Senate Bill 97 (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007). View the OPR CEQA and Climate Change Technical Advisory by going to the following Web site: <http://opr.ca.gov/index.php?a=ceqa/index.html>.



### **Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers**

This Web site provides a wealth of information on green technology, training resources, and projects in Indian Country. Additional resources include: nationwide listings of Native Chambers of Commerce, Urban Indian Centers, and Tribal Colleges as well as green Native businesses, green grants for tribes, green tribal news and links to other Native environmental organizations. See Native Workplace at [www.NativeWorkplace.com](http://www.NativeWorkplace.com). For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, Executive Director, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. [info@nativeworkplace.com](mailto:info@nativeworkplace.com)



### **Link to Tribal Training Web site**

The Tribal Training Web site contains listings of EPA sponsored training courses offered to Tribes under the Clean Water Act. The Web site contains links to important resources and tools to assist Tribes with the development and implementation of water quality programs. The site also contains links to self-paced trainings for both CWA and non-CWA training programs. <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>



### **Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Releases Northwest Tribal Energy Planning Guidebook**

With funding provided by the Bullitt Foundation, Northwest SEED just released a new tool to help Native American tribes develop a plan to achieve energy independence. Energy Planning: A Guide for Northwest Indian Tribes contains information and resources to help select and implement projects to conserve energy, generate clean renewable energy, construct efficient and environmentally friendly buildings, and other energy-

related community or business projects. For more or to obtain a copy of the guide, contact Leslie Moynihan, Project Manager, Northwest SEED, at 206-267-2215 or [leslie@nwseed.org](mailto:leslie@nwseed.org)



### **Emergency Preparedness**

A press release was issued on September 16 on EPA's emergency preparedness audio files available for download on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/disaster/> The files address environmental challenges that commonly arise in a disaster such as addressing gas leaks, safely returning home, and purifying contaminated drinking water supplies.

### **Toxics Release Inventory**

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule, has been published and is available online at: <http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at: <http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or [martha.keating@duke.edu](mailto:martha.keating@duke.edu)

### **2008 Report on the Environment (EPA 2008 ROE)**

EPA 2008 ROE provides the American people with an important resource to understand trends in the conditions of the air, water, land, and human health of the United States. This report uses scientifically sound measures, called indicators, to address fundamental questions relevant to the EPA's mission to protect the environment and human health. To accomplish this mission, EPA must pay close attention to trends in the condition of the Nation's environment. This information is captured in this report and can help EPA prioritize its work and focus on human health and ecological activities that can lead to improvements in the conditions of the Nation's environment. For a more interactive experience, visit the ROE Indicators at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/roe>.

### **Scholarships for Minority Students Going Unclaimed**

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving minority students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest. For more information, please go to: [http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority\\_scholarships.pdf](http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority_scholarships.pdf) or [http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career\\_funding.asp](http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career_funding.asp) so that money will not go to waste.

### **Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities**

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / [milbourn.cathy@epa.gov](mailto:milbourn.cathy@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

### **Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs**

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

### **Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators**

A new Web site is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training

providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov). The Web site can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance**

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

### **Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers**

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTTToolkit.html>.

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

### **America's Children and the Environment Web Site**

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

### **Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)**

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at [langlois.glen@epa.gov](mailto:langlois.glen@epa.gov).

### **Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

### **Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

## **Department of Agricultural (USDA)**

### **USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program**

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service, assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/M-STAPPN.pdf>

## **EPA Activities for Tribal outreach, review and comment**

### **Federal Interagency Effort to Increase Tribal Access to Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

In June 2007, EPA, IHS, USDA, HUD, and DOI signed two MOUs designed in part to assist tribes in improving quality of life through the delivery of quality infrastructure services in support of tribal housing and tribal communities, and to encourage parties to coordinate execution of existing drinking water and sanitation improvement programs in Indian country with a full understanding of each party's programs. The interagency Task Force established the Access Subgroup to develop an implementation plan that strives to reduce by 50 percent the number of homes lacking access to safe drinking water and safe waste water disposal by 2015. The implementation plan is under development, and subgroup representatives would be pleased to discuss with tribes, the scope and status of the recommended actions. For more information, contact: Elin Betanzo 202-564-1807 or [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov)

### **OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule**

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or [sibold.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:sibold.katherine@epa.gov)

## **Employment Opportunities**



### **Federal Career Intern Program**

EPA will be accepting applications for the Federal Career Intern Program which offers valuable work experience and may offer eligibility for permanent employment after successfully completing the 2-year program. EPA representatives will be attending the following job fairs, and will accept applications from college graduates or students who will be graduating by December 31, 2008.

- Sept. 26: San Francisco State University (SFSU) Career Expo- San Francisco, CA
- Oct. 2: UC Berkeley Masters and PhD Fair- Berkeley, CA
- Oct. 13: Stanford Energy and Environmental Fair- Palo Alto, CA
- Oct. 15: Disability Awareness Networking Event- San Francisco, CA
- Oct. 31: American Indian Society of Engineers and Scientists Job Fair- Anaheim, CA

The following documents must accompany your application:

- A cover letter, including the date and name of the career (i.e. 9/16: SFSU Career Expo)
- Your resume

A copy of your unofficial transcript

If you are claiming veteran preference, you must also submit: a military record (DD-214); for 10-pt Veterans Preference (SF-15 if applicable); application, supporting documentation for the SF-15 (if applicable).

U. S. Citizen or eligibility for citizenship within 2 years is required. You do not need to attend a job fair in order to submit an application, but must email or fax your application to EPA by midnight PST on one of the above dates. Submit your resume to Heidi Acquisti by e-mail to [acquisti.heidi@epa.gov](mailto:acquisti.heidi@epa.gov) or by fax to 415-947-8024 on one of the above dates to be eligible for this opportunity. For more information, call Heidi Acquisti, 415-972-3836

### **Pesticide Control Specialist - Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ**

Under general supervision of the Environmental Protection Director and direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, the Pesticide Control Specialist will be responsible for monitoring all aspects of pesticide usage on the Ak-Chin Indian Community to protect residents, pesticide handlers, pesticide applicators, agricultural workers and the environment. The Pesticide Control Specialist will also assist with program development and implementation of the Pesticide Control Program. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information, log on to [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us) or call Salinda Lopez, 520-568-1054

### **Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions**

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to [www.nndpm.navajo.org](http://www.nndpm.navajo.org) or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel

Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at [charlenenelson@navajo.org](mailto:charlenenelson@navajo.org).

**Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe**

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto [www.yuroktribe.org](http://www.yuroktribe.org) or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

## **Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs**

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>  
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>  
<http://www.doi.gov/bia>  
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>  
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>  
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>  
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>  
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>